

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 18, 21, 24, 26, 27, 29 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 5 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Smedley '274 and Liu '868. Claims 1 to 4, 6, 8 to 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25 and 28 were allowed over the prior art of record.

Claims 5, 7, 18, 21, 24 and 26 to 30 have been amended.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 112 Rejections

Claims 18, 21, 24, 26, 27, 29 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

These claims have been amended for proper antecedent basis. Support for the claim 18 changes is found at [0065] to [0069] for example. Claim 26 has been amended to have a preamble corresponding to the Fig. 4 embodiment, and support is found at [0093]-[0096] for example.

Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 18, 21, 24, 26, 27, 29 and 30 is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 102 Rejections

Claims 5 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by Smedley '274 and Liu '868.


Claims 5 and 7 have been amended to positively recite "automatically shutting off the engine when the vehicle is stopped and certain predefined operating conditions prevail" and "automatically starting the engine when other certain predefined operating conditions prevail." Neither Smedley nor Liu disclose these steps.

Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 5 and 7 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

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